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## Viewing cable 04NEWDELHI7078, TOWARDS AN INDIA-EU STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
04NEWDELHI7078	2004-11-05 11:55	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/the-india-cables/article1554099.ece>

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SUBJECT: TOWARDS AN INDIA-EU STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

REF: A. NEW DELHI 6983      B. NEW DELHI 6554      C. NEW DELHI 2999      D. NEW DELHI 969      E. NEW DELHI 4391

Classified By: DCM Robert O. Blake, Jr.    Reasons 1.4 (B,D).

- ¶1. (C) Summary: Following two relatively rocky summits, and the postponement of this year's meeting, New Delhi hopes the November 8 India-EU Towards "Strategic Partnership"  
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- ¶2. (C) India and the EU are "slowly broadening our areas of interaction," from primarily an economic focus to a greater political dialogue,
- ¶3. (C) According to local media, the goal is eventually to pattern the strategic relationship after the US-India Next Steps in Strategic Part Expectations for the Summit  
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- ¶4. (C) Given the disappointing results from the 2002 and 2003 summits, India views the November 8 Hague meeting as an opportunity to get the
- ¶5. (C) In a soon-to-be-published interview with the "Financial Times," PM Manmohan Singh identified a variety of economic and social issues Big Powers and Small States  
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- ¶6. (C) While emphasizing that "India does not discriminate" between the larger and smaller EU states, Ravi observed that India draws a dist
- ¶7. (C) The difference between the large and small European states' approach to India becomes a problem when countries like Ireland and Denmar
- ¶8. (C) As the world's most populous democracy and an aspiring global power, India views criticism from smaller European countries as an indic A "Difference in Perception" on South Asia  
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- ¶9. (C) Indo-European differences of opinion on political matters are most pronounced over developments in India's backyard. Whether regardir
- ¶10. (C) According to MEA Director Ravi, the EU has supported or pursued policies "which will not help South Asia in the long run." The EU
- ¶11. (C) Ravi echoed Joint Secretary (Nepal and Bhutan) Ranjit Rae's recent assessment that the EU has illustrated its naivete on Nepal by pur Clumsy on Kashmir  
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- ¶12. (C) According to JNU's Bava, the clumsy EU positions on Kashmir have fed Indian skepticism of the EU as a political entity. EU Ambassadc Bilateral Engagement at EU Expense  
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- ¶13. (C) As the EU has yet to formulate a common foreign policy, it is a difficult entity to deal with politically, the MEA's Ravi observed.
- ¶14. (C) Although a new development in India's relations with the EU, "strategic partnerships" between New Delhi and individual European cou Barnier's Visit  
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- ¶15. (C) During French FM Michel Barnier's October 27-28 visit to New Delhi, strategic issues, including defense, civilian nuclear cooperation
- ¶16. (C) Prior to Barnier's visit, Indian officials in Paris and Foreign Secretary Saran in Delhi conveyed a strong message on India's desire Comment  
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- ¶17. (C) The November 8 India-EU summit will provide the first concrete indications of just how much weight the GOI is willing to give to the
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